CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

A multi-configuration network connection point device comprising:

a first connection interface including a primary connection port for
communicatively coupling to an upstream network device, said interface
coupled to said body;

a second connection interface including a secondary connection port for communicatively coupling to a downstream network device via a wireless technology, wherein said second connection interface is adapted to be secured in a fixed location while conveniently providing said communicatively coupling to a downstream network device via a wireless technology; and

a communication bus for communicatively coupling said first connection interface to said second connection interface.

A multi-configuration network connection point device of Claim 1 wherein said first connection interface comprises a single primary interface connection port.

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- A multi-configuration network connection point device of Claim 1 wherein said secondary connection interface comprises a plurality of interface connection ports.
- A multi-configuration network connection point device of Claim 1 wherein said first connection interface couples to a singular communication path to an upstream device.
- A multi-configuration network connection point device of Claim 1 wherein said secondary connection interface is configured for convenient placement in fixed locations in a manner that facilitates maintenance of system integrity and security.
- 6 A multi-configuration network connection point device of Claim 1
- 7 A multi-configuration network connection point device comprising:
- a first connection interface including a primary connection port for communicatively coupling to an upstream network device;
- a second connection interface including a secondary connection port for communicatively coupling to a downstream network device via a wireless technology, wherein said second connection interface is adapted to be secured in a fixed location while conveniently providing said

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communicatively coupling to a downstream network device via a wireless technology;

a means for intelligently concentrating data from a plurality of interface connection ports included in said second connection interface for communication on said primary connection port of said first connection interface; and

a communication bus for communicatively coupling said first connection interface to said second connection interface.

- 8 A multi-configuration network connection point device of Claim 7 wherein said first connection interface comprises a single primary interface connection port.
- 9 A multi-configuration network connection point device of Claim 7 wherein said secondary connection interface comprises a plurality of interface connection ports.
- 10 A multi-configuration network connection point device of Claim 7 wherein said first connection interface couples to a singular communication path to an upstream device.
- 11 A multi-configuration network connection point device of Claim 7 wherein said secondary connection interface is configured for convenient

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placement in fixed locations in a manner that facilitates maintenance of system integrity and security.

- 12 A multi-configuration network connection point device of Claim 7 further comprising a means for processing and interpreting data coupled to a first interface.
- 13 A multi-configuration network connection point device of Claim 12 further comprising a fault detection means coupled to the means for processing and interpreting data.
- 14 A multi-configuration network connection point device of Claim 7 further comprising:
 - a processing unit for processing information; and a memory for storing said information.
- A multi-configuration network connection point method comprising:

 providing a single connection point on a primary communication

 interface;

providing a plurality of connection points on a secondary communication interface; and

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coupling the single connection point on a primary communication interface to the plurality of connection points on a secondary communication interface.

- The multi-configuration network connection point method of Claim 15 wherein the single connection point couples to a single communication path (e.g., to upstream network devices).
- 17 The multi-configuration network connection point method of Claim 15 wherein the single connection point is configured for fixed placement in a concealed environment.
- The multi-configuration network connection point method of Claim

 15 wherein the secondary communication interface is adapted to be secured in
 a fixed location while conveniently providing said communicatively

 coupling to a downstream network device via a wireless technology.
- 19 The multi-configuration network connection point method of Claim 15 further comprising intelligently concentrating data from a plurality of interface connection ports included of said second connection interface for communication on said primary connection port of a first connection interface.

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